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COMMENT OF
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Dulles' Policy

MR Foster Dulles' policy speech relating to the Formosa Straits was significant in two ways. He carefully avoided committing the United States to any action for preventing the coastal islands of Quemoy and Matsu from falling into the hands of the Chinese Communists, but at the same time he voiced outright encouragement to the Chinese Nationalists to continue the civil war by refusing to surrender the islands.

American opinion may feel there is no contradiction intended, or apparent, in this declaration and an earlier sentiment expressed by President Eisenhower that the United States would welcome any move that would help bring the Chinese civil war to an end.

Elsewhere, particularly in Britain, the reaction caused by Mr Dulles' speech has been quite different. And the doubts and fears finding expression through some of the most responsible of the British national newspapers, are understandable.

TO Mr Dulles, and others who think along his lines, the idea of the Chinese Communists possessing the coastal islands is intolerable. The Secretary of State does not argue the islands are strategically important vis-a-vis Formosa and the Pescadores; he merely doesn't want them Communist-controlled.

The attitude is not objectionable in itself: what does give many to pause and wonder is the possible effect upon the whole of the Far East situation if the Chinese Nationalists follow Mr Dulles' promptings and decide to try to hold the islands from the Communists.

They might succeed, but it is difficult to avoid the belief that, without active support from American forces, they would fail.

A "DUNKIRK" at Quemoy and Matsu could lead to serious repercussions for the United States navy and air force would inevitably be drawn into the operation. In which event, they could hardly expect a repetition of the Tachen evacuation which was accomplished without any interference by the Chinese Communists.

The United States appears to be determined to regard Formosa as an essential part of its West Pacific defence line. This is causing some apprehension in other parts of the Western world where, it is felt, neutralisation of Formosa would serve a more beneficial purpose in stabilising the Far East situation.

The China civil war is achieving nothing positive, and the cause of international peace would assuredly be served if it could be brought to an end through a negotiated agreement.

In Tomorrow's Mail...

Another big feature-packed Saturday Mail with a selection of the world's best newspaper reading will be on sale tomorrow morning.

Chapman Pincher

Anne Scott-James

Jean Creteau

Mary Hampson

These are just some of this week's highlight features. In addition there are all the regular family favourites including three pages of local and overseas pictures, Jane Roberts on films, Giles, William Hickey our bright and breezy homelife columnist, and many others.

And follow our tips for the winners at the Valley tomorrow.

OUTCRY AGAINST H.K. UMBRELLAS

Unfair
Competition
Complaint

CAMPAIGN OPENED BY
MANCHESTER MAN

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Feb. 17.

A 44-year-old Manchester umbrella maker, Mr Walter Mappin began a single-handed fight today against twelve factories in Hongkong turning out 360,000 umbrellas a month.

Mr Mappin who makes about two to four dozen umbrellas a week at home is angry because he sells his products at around 11/6 while some Hongkong umbrellas are selling in a city store at as low as five shillings each.

So today out into the snow went Mr Mappin carrying a placard which stated "Buy Hongkong goods and junk and umbrellas and put Lancashire on the dole. Remember the 1930's."

Parading up and down outside the store he said: "It costs me five shillings in materials to make an umbrella—then there's a 25 per cent purchase tax. How can we possibly compete.

"I reckon these are Japanese umbrellas and it is time we did something about it.

"My business is being ruined."

PRESSURE THREAT

Mr W. A. Stevell, Chairman of the Manchester Umbrella Makers said: "We consider it most unfair. We are considering putting pressure on the Government through Members of Parliament. No one can compete against a five-shilling umbrella although the quality is in no way comparable with home-produced standards."

The Hongkong Government office in London said: "Remember Britain sells about £25 million worth of goods in Hongkong every year and remember that when the trade ban went up on Communist China, Hongkong lost a third of its trade. Something had to be done."

"These umbrellas are not made in Japan. The steel wire comes from Birmingham and the cloth comes from India or British sources."

"The prices are cheap because labour is cheap by comparison with British rates and people work harder and longer."

"Hongkong is a British outpost on the very doorstep of Communism."

"Friendly trade with Hongkong is important to Britain in very many ways."

Trade Bill Nearly
Sabotaged

Washington, Feb. 17.

President Eisenhower's bill to lower foreign trade barriers today survived, by a single vote, an unexpectedly heavy attack by trade protectionists seeking to cripple it with restricting amendments in the House of Representatives.

By a vote of 193 to 102, the House approved a rule banning

any restrictive amendments to the Trade Bill during the scheduled two-day debate, after the protectionists had succeeded in forcing the issue to a touch and go roll call vote.

This came after several hours of complicated parliamentary manoeuvring over the rule, and strong pleas from the Democrat leadership to save the Bill from being riddled with high tariff provisions for the protection of domestic industries.

On such measures as the Trade Bill the House must first approve a rule recommended by its rules committee to govern the debate procedure.

The protectionist forces were mobilised to defeat the Trade Bill debate with prohibiting amendments. If they had succeeded, the Bill would have been set aside to await approval of a new rule.

After the Bill had survived this crucial major test it came before the House for formal debate.—Reuter.

Companions For
"Old Faithful", The
Bank's Palm Tree

"Old Faithful," the 50-foot sentry palm at the Queen's Road entrance of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will no longer stand in solitude.

At an urgent request from the Bank, Government's Forestry Department last week planted five young palm trees on either side of her.

As much of a symbol of the Hongkong Bank as its lions, palm trees have certainly been a part of the Bank "scenery" for a longer time.

"Old Faithful" was there before the present building came into being in 1935. She was one of the four or five palms which lined the entrance of the old Bank building.

But with the years these gradually died off and last year "Old Faithful" was left standing alone.

Legend has it that palm trees bring good luck to the Bank, and that when all the palm trees go down, so will the Bank.

An institution built up on long-standing traditions and respect for "old custom", the Bank has decided not to take the risk of being without palm trees when "Old Faithful" returns to her ancestors.



"Old Faithful" and one of her new companions.—Staff Photographer.

Brother &
Sister
Married By
Accident

London, Feb. 17.

A 24-year-old mother of two children living in Hereford said tonight that after three years of married life she discovered that her husband was her brother from whom she was parted when she was orphaned at the age of three.

Mrs Margaret Hughes left her husband four months ago, when she learned he was her brother. "Even if I have to work night and day I will never be parted from my two children," she said tonight.

Her solicitor announced that an annulment of the marriage would be applied for soon.

Mrs Hughes's two children are Robert, aged two, and Michael, aged five months.

ADOPTED

When Mrs Hughes's parents died she and her brother, Geoffrey, were placed in different County Council homes.

Two years later she was adopted by a couple named Stanham, who changed her surname.

Mr W. G. Bacon, the Hereford Registrar, said: "I found the birth certificates of the two and proved that they were brother and sister."

The clerk of the Hereford County Council, Mr R. C. Hansen, commented: "Although it was a remarkable coincidence it is something that could easily happen."

"Once a child is legally adopted it becomes the child of the new parents for all purposes." At present Mrs Hughes is living with an elderly woman who befriended her when she learned of the position.—China Mail Special.

David Ben Gurion
Returns To Politics

London, Feb. 17.

Israel Radio said tonight that Mr David Ben Gurion, former Premier, had agreed to become Minister of Defence in place of Mr Pinhas Lavon, who resigned today.

Mr Ben Gurion gave up the Premiership last year to work as an ordinary settler in the Negev Desert.—Reuter.

3 Years For
Manslaughter

Dunedin, N.Z., Feb. 18.
Dr Senga Florence Whittingham, 27, was today sentenced to three years' imprisonment for the manslaughter of her former lover, a fellow doctor.

The pretty blonde doctor was originally accused of murdering Dr John William Saunders, 27, found shot early on December 12, after a hospital party.

But the jury decided two days ago that the fatal shot had been fired accidentally and returned a manslaughter verdict. It also recommended leniency.

The jury was out for seven hours—the longest murder trial deliberation in New Zealand for many years.—Reuter.

Pineau's
Chances Rated
As Poor

Paris, Feb. 17.

M. Christian Pineau, Socialist leader, trying to solve France's 20th post-war crisis, tonight submitted a Cabinet list to M. Pierre Schneller, President (Speaker) of the National Assembly.

But his chances of winning a majority in the House tomorrow, and thereby becoming Premier, were regarded as poor by observers in the parliamentary lobbies.

The list will not be made public till it is read when the Assembly meets tomorrow at 1400 GMT.

As far as it is unofficially known tonight, it consists of 39 Ministers and Secretaries of State, of whom 12 are Socialists, nine MRP (Popular Republicans), nine Radicals, four near Radicals and four Gaullists.

Last-minute withdrawal by two Gaullists to whom key posts had been offered had caused M. Pineau to react. His Cabinet this morning, delaying his official notification to the Assembly for seven hours.

The crisis, caused by the fall of M. Pierre Mendès-France's Government, is now 13 days old and M. Pineau is the third candidate for the task of forming a Cabinet.—Reuter.

"Healing
Powers" Girl
Detained

Buenos Aires, Feb. 17.

A 14-year-old girl, who claimed miraculous healing powers and attracted thousands of pilgrims to her humble home, has been placed under medical supervision in Tucuman City, Central Argentina.

An entire suburb of the city, which has a total population of nearly 200,000 was sealed off by the provincial government after 20,000 disease-ridden pilgrims flocked there hoping to be cured by the girl—Emilia del Calle Leyva.

The authorities feared the spread of diseases carried by pilgrims including typhus, tuberculosis and leprosy.

The girl, who claimed to have had contact with the Virgin Mary in the shape of a dove, had to be smuggled from her home, which threatened to collapse under pressure of the vast crowds.

Pilgrims in advanced stages of tuberculosis and leprosy have now been forcibly removed to hospitals from the suburb, San Goyetano.

ARRESTS MADE

The girl's father, Pedro, and grandmother Adelaida were both arrested. Police said a big haul of money and jewellery had been found in the tin and wooden shack where the pilgrims were received.

The Ministry of Health said today that physically Emilia was three years behind her age and that her mental development was equal to that of an eight-year-old. She was also suffering from mental aberrations and hallucinations, the Ministry added.

Earlier today, lorries filled with disappointed pilgrims returned to their homes after being forcibly turned back by police. Only people with special passes were allowed past the tight police ring round the district.

Last night one lorry-load of pilgrims clashed with police in a riot, when they were prevented from seeing the girl.—Reuter.

No Trace Of Plane

Rome, Feb. 17.

A search of a 3,500-foot high mountain pass on the eastern flank of the Apennines, failed tonight to uncover the wreckage of a Belgian plane missing since last Sunday with 20 persons aboard.—France-Press.

Blizzard Hits
NW Scotland

London, Feb. 17.

A blizzard hit northwest Scotland today, cutting off road communications with the south and stranding three trains in heavy drifts.

In some parts of the highlands, conditions were described as worse than last month's heavy snowfall when aircraft and helicopters had to drop food and animal fodder to scores of isolated farms and villages.

The inhabitants of Foula, 18 miles off the Shetlands, who have been cut off for more than six weeks, in a radio reply said they could hold out for another fortnight as their oatmeal and flour supplies were not yet exhausted.—Reuter.

Britain's
Amazing
H-Bomb

Our Own Correspondent

London, Feb. 17.

The science correspondent of the Daily Express writes that Britain is already far on the way to developing an entirely new type of H-bomb which will be cheap to manufacture and small enough to be carried in a bomber.

The weapon stems directly from the second of two atomic explosions staged in the Australian desert near Woomera 10 months ago.

That explosion was the test of a daring idea thought out by Sir William Penney and his team at the atomic weapons research establishment at Aldermaston, Berkshire.

It was so successful that defence chiefs rate it the "most important single atomic blast ever achieved anywhere."

The force of the explosion, though deliberately kept small, was several times bigger than Sir William Penney had hoped for.

It is a "dry" bomb which avoids the use of expensive heavy water, and it is so different from the H-bomb as originally conceived by scientists it is being called the P—for Penney-Bomb.

Heavy Sentence
For Teenager

New York, Feb. 17.

A 16-year-old girl, convicted with her 18-year-old boy friend of killing her mother because the mother objected to their intimacies, was sentenced today to 20 years to life imprisonment.

The boy, William Byers, convicted of first degree murder, has been sentenced to death in the electric chair.

Theresa Gresh, who celebrated her 16th birthday in gaol last week, appeared shaken at the General Sessions Judge, Jonah Goldstein, pronounced sentence. She will be eligible for parole in 12 years.—United Press.

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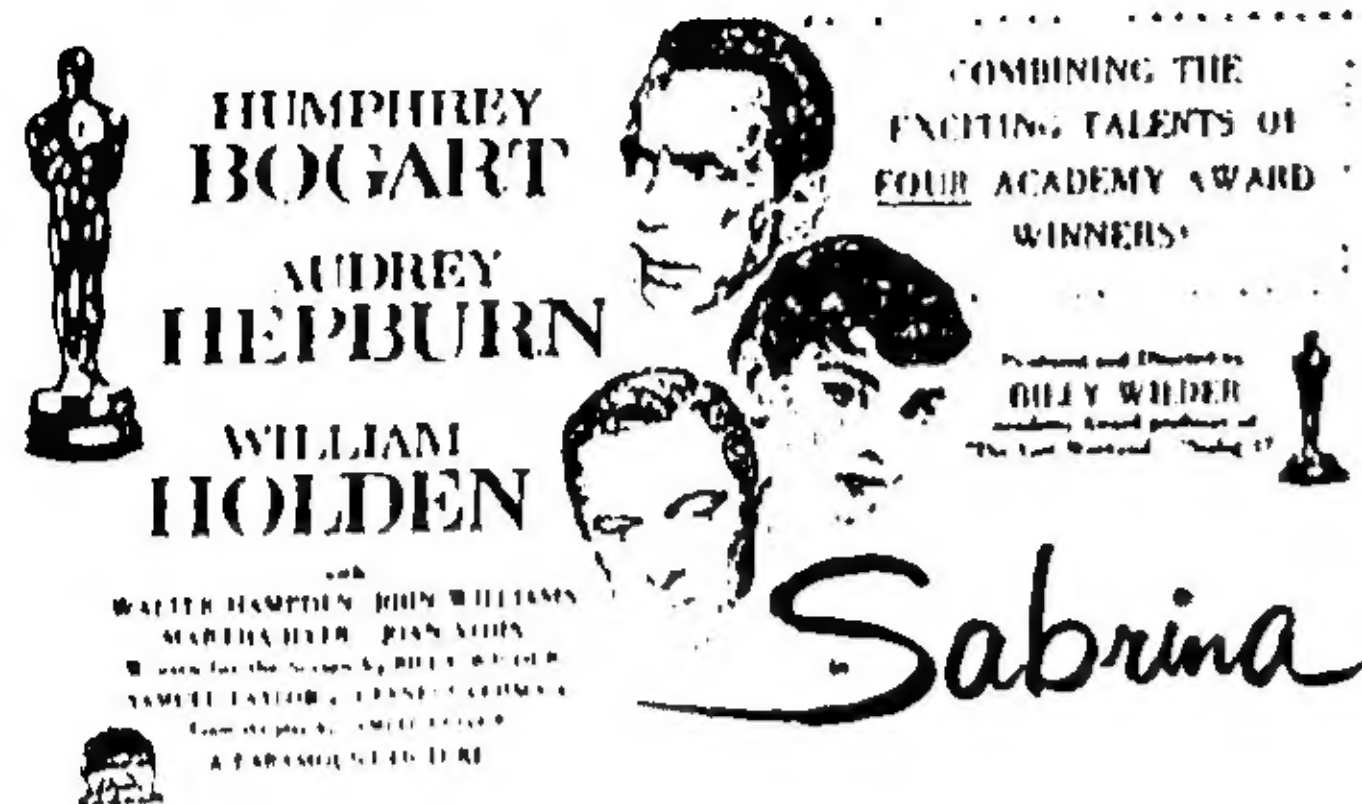
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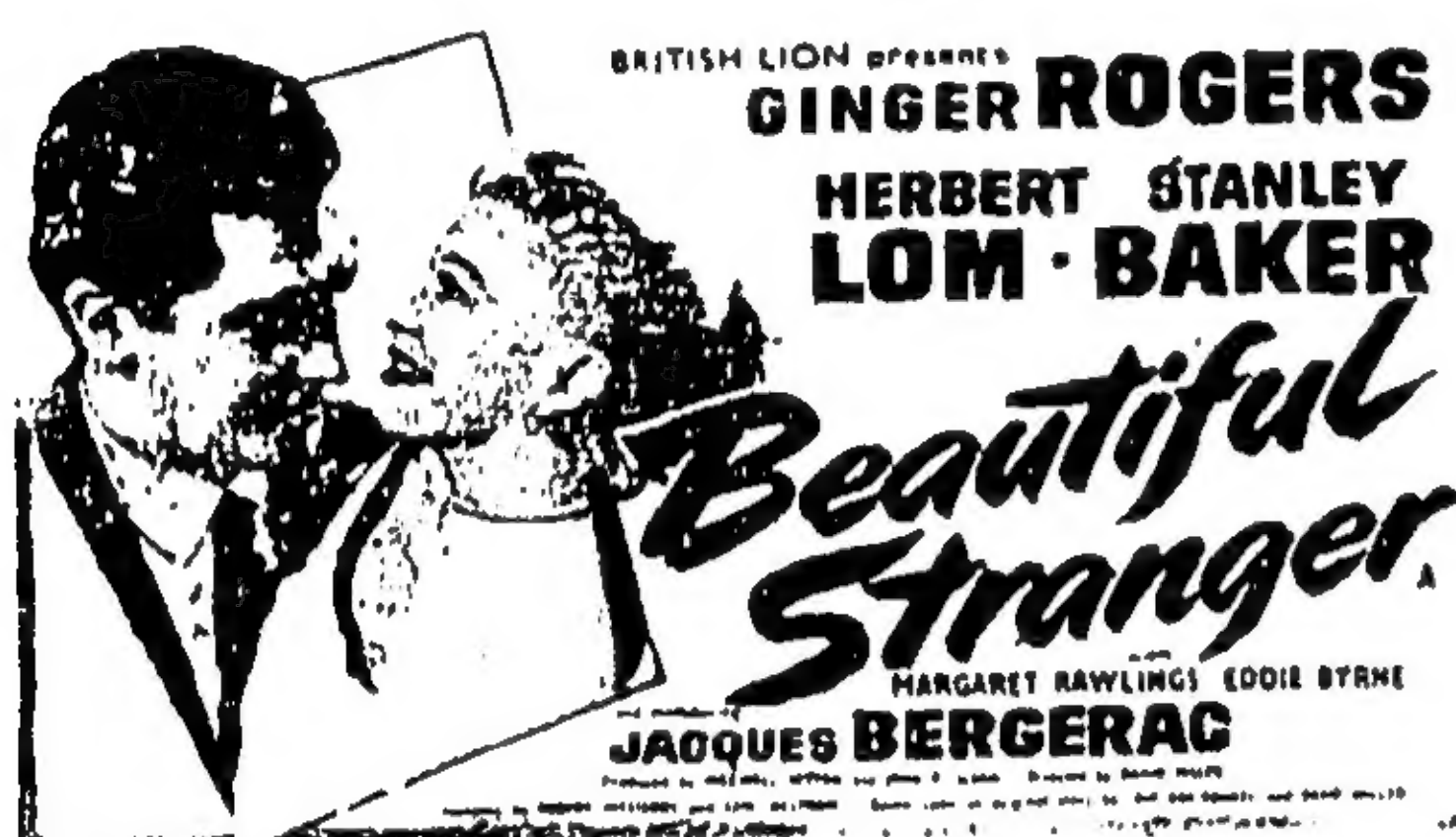
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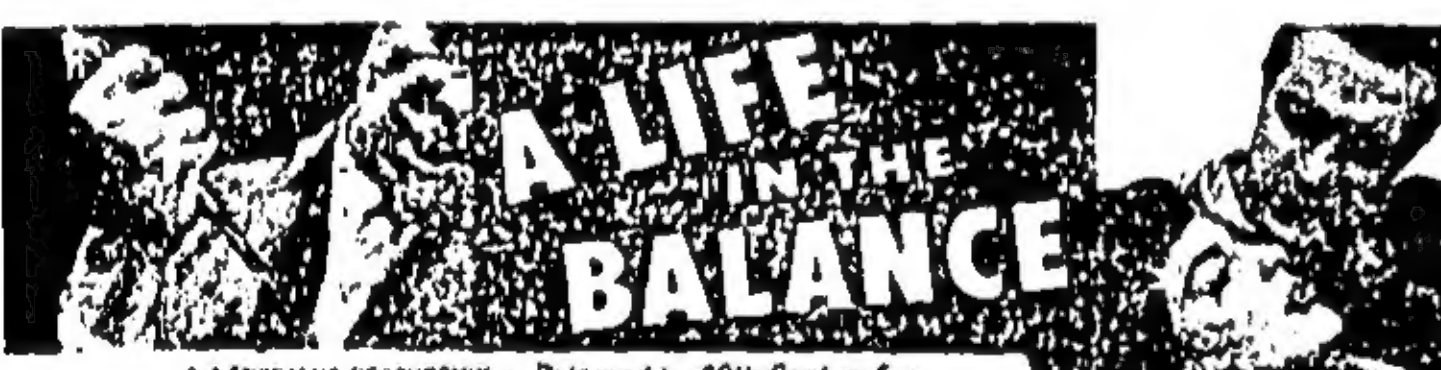
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Nicole Berger, young French actress advertised as "the sweetest girl in the world," photographed in London. Nicole, who is 16, appeared on TV in London. In her first film role she appeared as the 15-year-old Vinea in Colette's "Rippling Seed," a role for which she was chosen by the authoress herself. — Reuter-photo.

Prince Claims
British
Nationality

London, Feb. 17. The High Court today weighed a decision on the appeal of Prince Ernest of Hanover for British citizenship.

The Prince, who lives in Marienburg Castle in Nordsternmen, Germany, based his appeal on a 1705 law. If he is upheld, members of reigning families and dethroned Royalty throughout Europe could become British subjects, including the Kings of Sweden, Denmark and Belgium and the Queen of the Netherlands.

Even Kaiser Wilhelm, ruler of Germany and arch foe of Britain in World War I, would have qualified as a British citizen under the Prince's interpretation of the old law.

ACT REPEALED

The Prince's lawyer, Mr. Kenneth Diplock, said Queen Anne's Act of Naturalisation of 1705 provided that all descendants of the Electress Sophia, then ruler of Hanover, would have British nationality. This act was not repealed until 1948, after Prince Ernest was born. He is 40.

Mr Justice Sir Harry Bevir Vaisey of the High Court heard the case yesterday.

The Government opposed it. The Attorney General, Sir Reginald Maudslayi-Buller, said the 1705 law should apply only to descendants born in the lifetime of Sophia. Otherwise, he said, 491 of her descendants could now claim British passports. — United Press.

Red Army Has
Jet Artillery

Moscow, Feb. 17. The Soviet Army is equipped with jet artillery which can fire heavy barrages much farther than conventional-type weapons, the Red Army newspaper Red Star said today.

Red Star said the level of Soviet artillery must be maintained to cope with modern battle conditions and recommended the use of infra-red rays to operate artillery range-finding instruments.

The newspaper said great strides have been made in military techniques since World War II and that artillery must be adapted to the new ranges made necessary by the improvement of aircraft and armoured forces and the advent of atomic weapons.

Red Star lauded the new Soviet Government and the Communist Party for "giving priority to the development of heavy industry which will ultimately improve Soviet

BERLIN BATTLE

Tension Mounting
Over
Paris AgreementsVICE-CHANCELLOR'S
TALK INTERRUPTED

Berlin, Feb. 17. East and West Germans came to blows to-night as tension mounted over the Paris agreements on German rearmament.

A crowd of young people estimated at 800 tried to prevent the Vice-Chancellor of West Germany, Dr Franz Bluecher speaking at the exhibition hall in Berlin.

They shouted "down with Bluecher" and "down with the Paris treaties." The police arrested 239 of the demonstrators, 203 of whom were from East Berlin.

But, Dr Bluecher, a strong supporter of the agreements, was right in the thick of the campaign today. He told correspondents at a reception for the foreign Press also in Berlin that he was convinced the Paris agreements would be wholly ratified by the Bundestag whatever happened.

Then, he broadcast to the Soviet zone of Germany over the American RIAS network. He said that Western aid to West Germany which could be considered as an outright gift, had strengthened the economy of the Federal Republic, for the day German reunification was achieved.

In Dusseldorf the West German trade union federation executive today announced that its 6,000,000-strong organisation would support the opposition campaign against the German rearmament treaties.

It said in a statement that ratification of the Paris agreements should be delayed until four-power talks had shown Russia's terms for German unification.

ENDORSED RESOLUTION

The executive thus formally endorsed a resolution of the union congress in October. Many union leaders had already declared their support of the "German manifesto" launched this month under Social Democrat (opposition) inspiration.

The executive said it was animated by serious concern that accepting the Paris treaties would make more difficult or delay a reunion of West with East Germany. — France-Press & Reuter.

POLISH WOMAN'S
GOODS SEIZED
IN NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Feb. 17.

Deputies today seized an estimated \$60,000 in merchandise at the export-import firm of Mrs Maria Paprotna Haller, young Polish woman who is fighting deportation.

The Deputies, armed with a writ, took possession of the firm's goods to satisfy a \$4,000 judgment filed against Mrs Haller and her husband by one of six Catholic priests who lent her money.

A number of witnesses, including the six priests, have testified at the deportation hearing that they lent Mrs Haller, blonde mother of two children, large amounts of money which she failed to repay.

The Immigration Service is seeking to deport Mrs Haller on the grounds that she broke an agreement with the Government under which she was to be employed in the United States as a domestic servant.

She is also accused of failing to comply with the law requiring registration of aliens with the Government once yearly.

The hearing resumes tomorrow with Mrs Haller expected to testify in her own defence. Mr Joseph Ruhl, who sponsored Mrs Haller's entry into the U.S., testified earlier that he changed his mind but did not take any action to withdraw his sponsorship until she already was here. He had offered the woman a job as a domestic servant in his home when she entered the United States in 1951.

HIGH PRICES

The civil deputies seized china, priced as high as \$250 a plate, cut glass, crystal, decanters and vases.

Mr Clay Shaw, managing director of the International Trade Mart, where the firm is located, told deputies that he had first claim to the merchandise because the Hallers owed him \$800 in rent. — United Press.

HOMES FOR
AFRICANS

Johannesburg, Feb. 17. For the first time in Southern Rhodesia, African workers will become householder.

A scheme has been worked out for the building of 6,000 houses in Salisbury and Bulawayo for Africans during the next two years.

The cost of the project will be nearly £2,000,000,000. The four-roomed cottages will cost about £250 and Africans will be able to buy them for about £2 a month over a period of 20 years. — France-Press.



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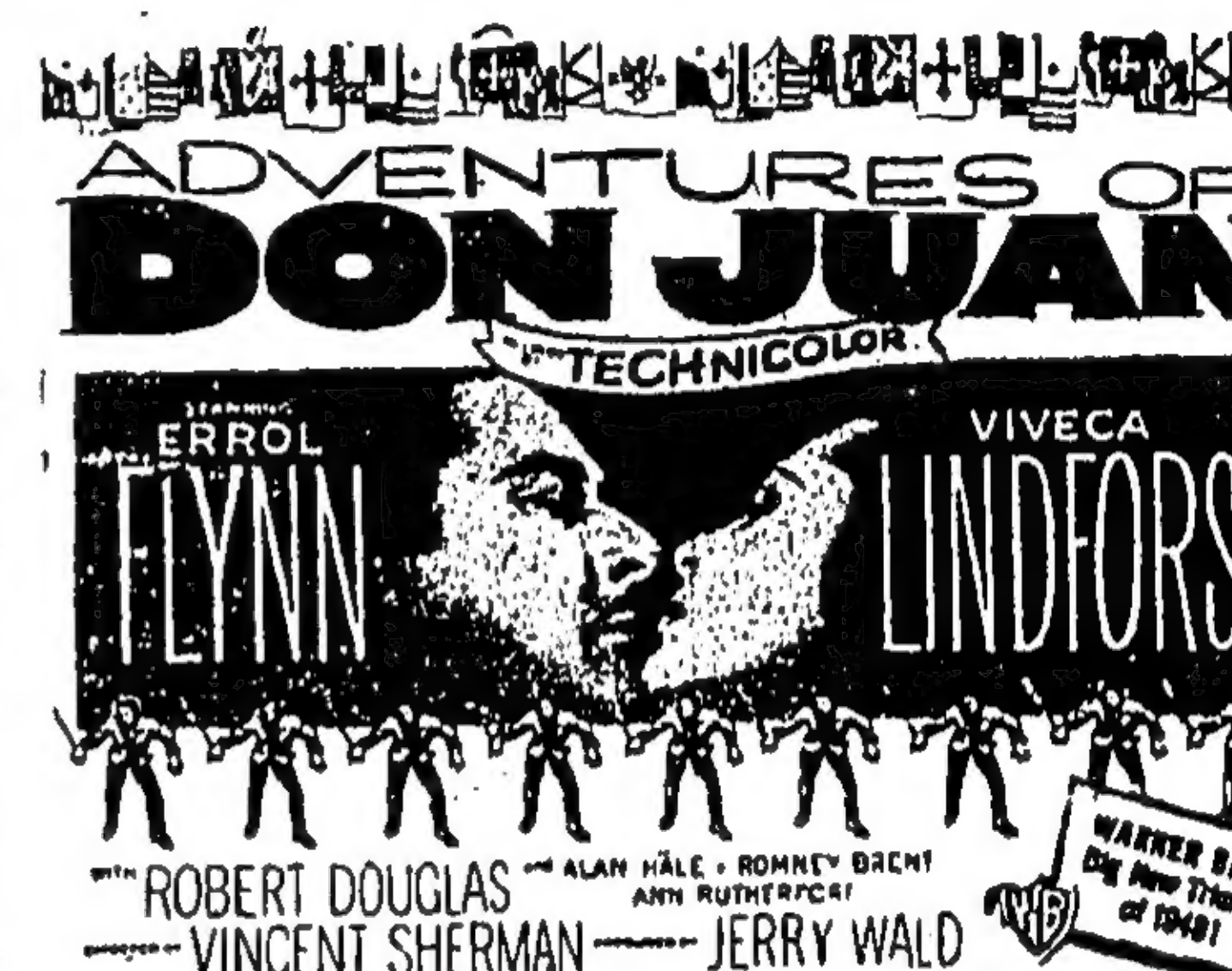
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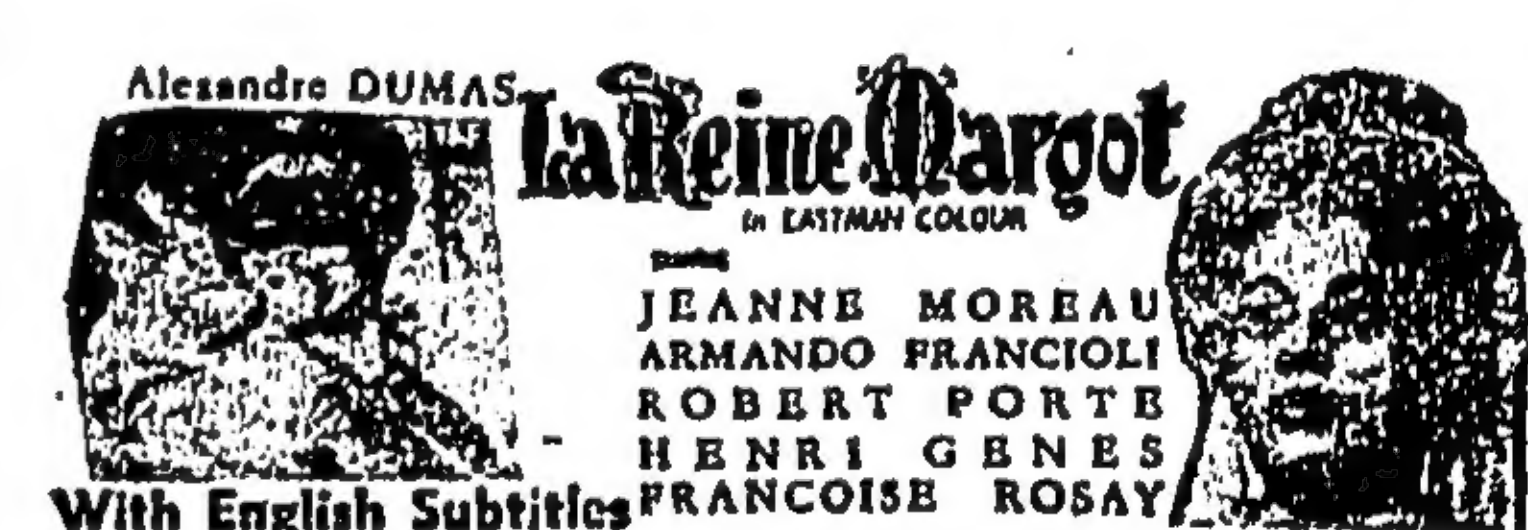
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DEFENCE OF COMMONWEALTH

British Government Announces Latest Developments

London, Feb. 17.

The British Government tonight announced further plans for the defence of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

The statement followed repeated criticism of the Government's alleged mismanagement of the Services departments.

Development of the hydrogen bomb will be given top priority, says the annual defence report.

ROUTE TO LOST CITY IN AFRICA

Woman's Claim

Pietermaritzburg, Feb. 17.

A Pietermaritzburg woman who, in her youth, travelled round the world as an archaeological student, claims to know the lost city of the Kalahari desert in South-West Africa.

Some years ago, a Capetown expedition under Dr. F. du Toit, van Zyl searched in vain for the solution to this great African mystery.

The woman, Mrs. H. G. Forsyth, a student of the University of London, claims to have discovered the lost city of the Kalahari desert in South-West Africa.

She says that while still a young woman she met the famous big-game hunter, Selous, in Natal, and later went on a game journey with him. It was during this journey that he told her of his discovery of the lost city of the Kalahari desert in South-West Africa.

SAW CITY

He told her that when his party reached a certain spot, the African carriers refused to continue. He looked through his binoculars and saw the ruins of a large city. The Africans said it was a deserted ancient town now inhabited only by leopards.

Mr. Selous returned to the place but a sandstorm forced him to turn back. He made sketches in his notebook marking the position of the ruins.

Mrs. Forsyth still has this sketch but she herself cannot undertake a strenuous journey to the Kalahari owing to ill health. She will not part with the sketch but interested persons, she says, may come to her home and look at it.—China Mail Special.

For some time there have been rumours among scientists here that Britain is developing a new type of hydrogen bomb—on the same principles of the American H-bomb—but much simpler and cheaper to produce.

NO COMMENT

Officials tonight would not comment on these reports or say whether the British H-bomb is now actually in existence or only in process.

The Government statement on defence announced these other developments:

1. The Navy is to start building a new class of warship armed with guided weapons. These will replace older cruisers.

2. Good progress has been made in improving high-speed submarines which can operate submerged for many miles.

3. Development of air-to-air guided weapons, which planes will be able to fire at enemy aircraft, has reached an advanced stage.

4. Guided weapons which can be fired from the ground at attacking bombers are more complex. But good progress has been made.

5. Recent improvements in aircraft carriers will make it possible to use of sea heavier and faster fighter and strike aircraft. The strike aircraft launched from the decks of the carriers will be capable of carrying atom bombs.

USE A-WEAPONS

The report made it clear in the event of war Britain will not hesitate to use atomic weapons.

It declared: "The consequences of civilised nations must not be allowed to be paralysed by the prospect of using nuclear weapons. Nevertheless in the last resort most of us must feel that determination to face the threat of physical devastation even on the immense scale which must now be foreseen is manifestly preferable to an attitude of subservience to militant Communism with the national and individual humiliation that this would inevitably bring."

"Moreover such a show of weakness or hesitation to use all the means of defence at our disposal would not reduce the risk. All history proves the contrary."

The report warned that Communist actions had so far provided no real ground for believing that the threat to the free world had sensibly diminished.

But the buildup of nuclear weapons might increase the chance of world peace.

"In fact, from a universal realization that the results of a major war can only be utterly disastrous for both sides must emerge a new hope. The armed truce of recent years may develop through 'co-existence' into a real peace," the Government statement said.

AMERICAN TESTS

Recalling the power of the American H-bombs tested in the Pacific the report said:

"There are no technical or scientific limitations on the production of nuclear weapons, still more devastating."

It went on to describe the effect of an H-bomb explosion, saying: "It would be a struggle for survival of the grimmest kind."

The report said the United Kingdom must be ready to defend the dependent territories overseas for which she is responsible.

They also had to be protected against Communist threats to internal security.

The statement said that Britain's reduced commitments in Trieste, Korea and the Middle East now made it possible to rebuild a strategic reserve of land forces in Britain—"essential both in the cold war and in our preparedness for a major war."

The total defence budget proposed for 1955/56, allowing for American aid, is £1,537 million. This is a cut of £102 million over the current financial year.—Reuter.

Magsaysay Wins Heated Battle

Manila, Feb. 17.

President Ramon Magsaysay today won the first round of a show-down battle with a powerful Senator, Mr. Claro M. Recto, over the Philippines' stand in connection with Formosa.

After several days of debate and compromise attempts by Party peace-makers, Mr. Recto found himself on the short end of a 16-0 Committee vote that sends to the Senate floor a resolution strongly backing Mr. Magsaysay.

The battle between the President and Mr. Recto centred on the statement of the President that the Philippines was directly concerned over whether Formosa remained "free and friendly" and the declaration that "we must stand squarely behind the United States in its determination" to defend Formosa.

SHOW-DOWN

The show-down between Mr. Magsaysay and Mr. Recto, who is a foreign affairs expert of the President's Nationalista Party, had been shaping up for weeks.

Mr. Magsaysay, who has been becoming less pliable to Mr. Recto's suggestions, on foreign affairs, rejected any compromise on this issue.

His stand capped a recent chain of events in which Mr. Recto has consistently backed the Administration's foreign policy usually by voting until crucial moments to take a public stand.

Prior to the fight over the resolution backing Mr. Magsaysay's Formosa policy—a resolution already unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives—Mr. Recto cast one of two, sometimes, according to observers, unannounced approval of the Manila Manila pact and secured approval of the Pacific Charter.—United Press.



The year-end festive season is really over now, and even Dumbo, the London Zoo's Indian elephant, has gulped his last bun and reported back to work. His spade work is helping in the demolition of Monkey Hill, once the home of 200 monkeys. In its place will rise an animal sanatorium.—Reuterphoto.

Children Steal Platinum

London, Feb. 17.

Climbing a waste pipe up the side of the building, children broke into a precious metal broker's premises at Vauxhall (London) and stole platinum waste to the value of £185, a small sum of money and a fountain pen.

The police are certain the offence was committed by children because of traces left behind.

But what the police would like to know is how the intruders managed to avoid setting off the complicated burglar alarm system.—France-Press.

Helen Keller Wanted

In Singapore

Singapore, Feb. 17.

Heavy interest in Singapore and Malaya in the round-the-world trip of famed Helen Keller today prompted the United States Information Agency's local office to ask Washington if her itinerary could be altered to permit her stopping here.

The blind and deaf Dr. Keller is scheduled to by-pass Singapore, going from Rangoon to Manila next May.

Singapore's blind Braille instructor, Mr. Reuben Jacob, said: "It has always been my dream to meet Helen Keller, touch her hand and thank her for the work she has done for blind people everywhere. Although most blind people here cannot speak English, they know about Helen Keller and it would be thrilling for them just to hear her voice and a translation of what she says."

The Singapore Director of the USIS, Mr. E. J. Conlon, said that a request that Dr. Keller stop over here had been sent to Washington.—United Press.

RUBINSTEIN MURDER POLICE GO TO SING SING

New York, Feb. 17.

The search for Serge Rubinstein's murderer led to Sing Sing Prison today with the disclosure that a convicted thief might be able to give the police information on the murder of the millionaire draft dodger last January 27.

Police disclosed that Eleanore Treason, who has been in Sing Sing since 1933 on a grand larceny charge, is scheduled for questioning tomorrow about an alleged plot to kidnap Rubinstein.

Detectives said Herman Scholz, the nervous chauffeur alleged to have named Rubinstein's killers yesterday, had told them Treason was to have been his partner in the kidnap plot, which never materialized.

The frail, mild-mannered chauffeur was ordered held on \$25,000 bond yesterday after officers said he had named Rubinstein's slayers.

A wide search was on today for underworld acquaintances of Scholz in New York City and New Jersey.

The police said Scholz claimed that Treason, who owned the car in which he was driving when he was arrested on Tuesday, was present on the night of the murder.

Pakistan Anxious To Avoid Arab-Moslem Split

Karachi, Feb. 17.

Important decisions on Middle Eastern defence are expected to be made during Turkish President Bayar's 10-day state visit, beginning tomorrow.

Foreign Office sources said the decisions would concern plans for implementing the Turco-Pakistan defence agreement signed in Karachi last April, and attempts to bring Arab countries and Persia into a collective security system.

The sources said Pakistan was anxious to avoid a split in Arab and Moslem unity resulting from Egypt's opposition to the proposed pact between Turkey and Iraq.

Pakistan made overtures through Saudi Arabia to reconcile other countries with the pact, which is to be signed shortly, they added.

WARSHIP ESCORT

President Bayar will arrive here tomorrow in his yacht, escorted by Turkish and Pakistani warships.

There is already close consultation on defence matters between Turkey and Pakistan under their treaty. A group of senior Pakistani officers visited Turkey last year to confer with their opposite numbers there.

The report of this group, it is stated, will come up for decision during President Bayar's visit.

Official sources here said the Pakistani Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, will now be able to promise an increased contribution to defence planning for the Middle East as a result of his talks in London recently with the other Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

They said Mr. Ali was anxious that Pakistan should play its full part as a link between the proposed Middle East collective security system and the South-east Asia Treaty Organisation.—Reuter.

Real Cold Spot

Oslo, Feb. 17.

A temperature of minus 43 degrees Centigrade (minus 49 degrees Fahrenheit) was recorded at Nilsen, North Norway, today.

(The lowest recorded temperature is minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit—126 degrees below freezing point—in Siberia 70 years ago).—Reuter.

ALARM CLOCK FOR DEAF

Rome, Feb. 17.

A local clock-maker has patented an alarm clock for the deaf.

At the set hour, the clock does not ring. It sends out vibrations strong enough to jerk the deaf sleeper awake.

At the same time, the electrically worked clock switches on the bedroom lights—confirming to the owner that it is time for him to rise.

The clock was successfully tried out at Alessandria's institute for the deaf and dumb.—China Mail Special.

PROPOSAL REJECTED

Berne, Feb. 17.

Communist China has rejected a Swiss proposal that the Armistice Commission in Korea should be disbanded.

The Chinese Government's reply to a Swiss memorandum to Beijing of January 27 was made public today.

The Chinese Communist Government suggested a reduction in the size of the Commission, provided this did not affect the efficient control and administration of the Armistice Convention.—France-Press.

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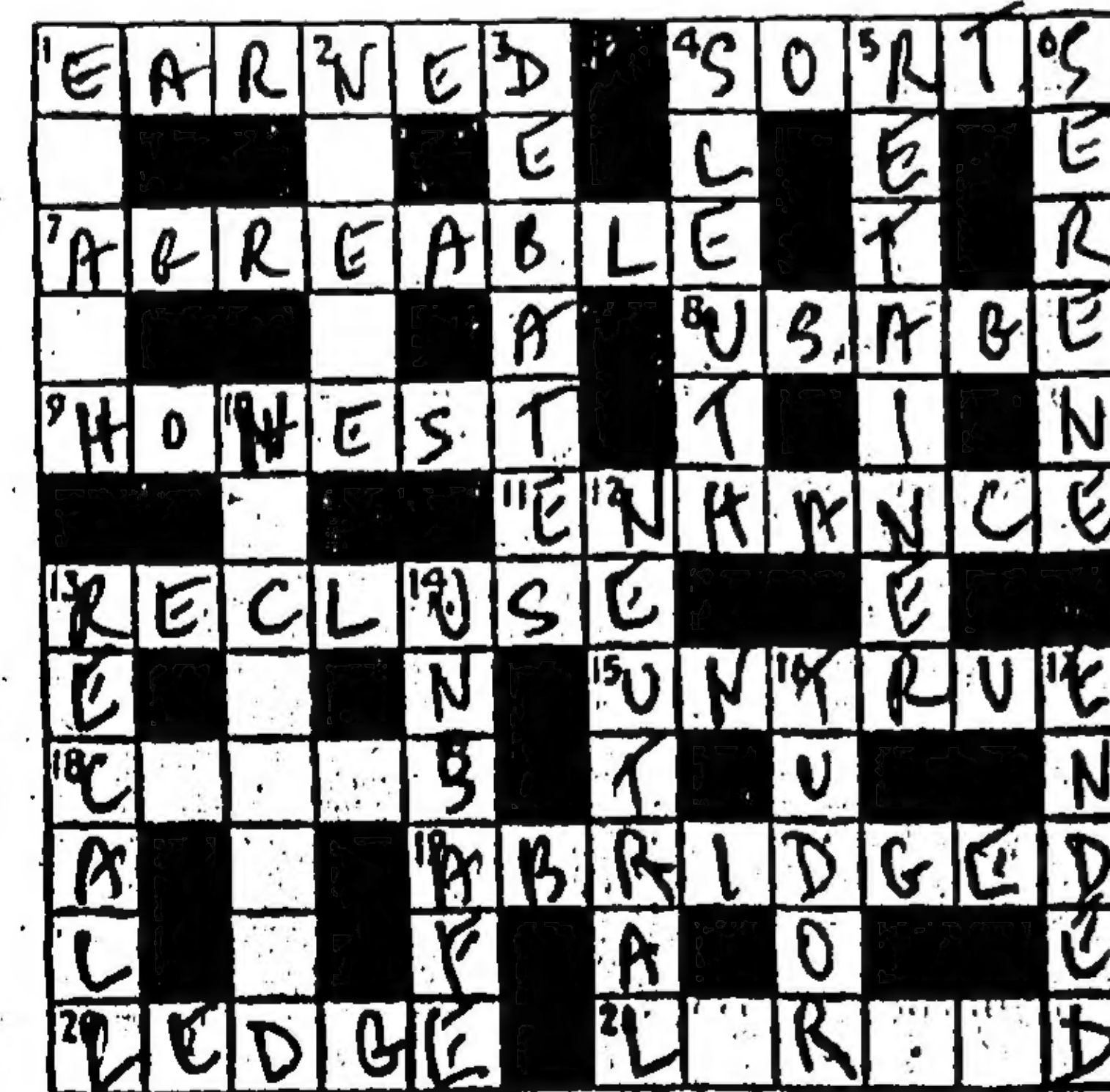
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 - 21 Was hidden (6).

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 - 2 Mother-of-pearl (5).
 - 3 Artifice (5).
 - 4 Detective (6).
 - 5 Servant (8).
 - 6 Calm (6).
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 - 13 Remember (6).
 - 14 Inactive (6).
 - 16 Royal line (6).
 - 17 Finished (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Bush, 4 Impasse, 5 Army, 9 Firm, 10 Onions, 11 Ford, 12 Robe, 14 Soleils, 15 Indes, 16 Carve, 21 Tenders, 22 Beam, 23 Ripe, 24 Dilated, 25 Miles, 26 Curve, 27 Remains, 28 Beam, 29 Unseen, 30 Shepherd, 31 Breeze, 32 Bump, 33 Burn, 34 Core, 35 Beam, 36 Beam, 37 Beam, 38 Beam, 39 Beam, 40 Beam, 41 Beam, 42 Beam, 43 Beam, 44 Beam, 45 Beam, 46 Beam, 47 Beam, 48 Beam, 49 Beam, 50 Beam, 51 Beam, 52 Beam, 53 Beam, 54 Beam, 55 Beam, 56 Beam, 57 Beam, 58 Beam, 59 Beam, 60 Beam, 61 Beam, 62 Beam, 63 Beam, 64 Beam, 65 Beam, 66 Beam, 67 Beam, 68 Beam, 69 Beam, 70 Beam, 71 Beam, 72 Beam, 73 Beam, 74 Beam, 75 Beam, 76 Beam, 77 Beam, 78 Beam, 79 Beam, 80 Beam, 81 Beam, 82 Beam, 83 Beam, 84 Beam, 85 Beam, 86 Beam, 87 Beam, 88 Beam, 89 Beam, 90 Beam, 91 Beam, 92 Beam, 93 Beam, 94 Beam, 95 Beam, 96 Beam, 97 Beam, 98 Beam, 99 Beam, 100 Beam, 101 Beam, 102 Beam, 103 Beam, 104 Beam, 105 Beam, 106 Beam, 107 Beam, 108 Beam, 109 Beam, 110 Beam, 111 Beam, 112 Beam, 113 Beam, 114 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ARE MEN MORE INTELLIGENT THAN WOMEN?

By John Sidney

TESTS carried out recently on 700 men and women graduates at British universities are said to have shown that men are consistently more intelligent than women in solving problems where reasoning power was required. The superiority of men was particularly marked in all instances where figures were concerned.

The tests of a difficult nature were given to students of all faculties. In all faculties men students put up better performances.

The tests were devised by a woman, Dr. Alice Helm, of Cambridge University, and their results analysed by another woman from the same University, Miss Kathleen Waits. Miss Waits is reported to have said that she was satisfied that the tests did reveal differences in intelligence and reasoning ability and not merely differences in knowledge.

Exact details of the tests have not yet been revealed. A weakness in some of the earlier tests given in the United Kingdom and in the United States has been that some of the questions did appear to depend on previous knowledge or experience.

An effective mechanical aptitude test was devised some years ago by Dr. George K.

Bennett, of the Psychological Corporation of America. It consisted of 60 pictures. Here are three typical questions:

The first is of a cannon firing and a man listening, at a distance of five miles. The question is set out this way:

The man will hear the sound of the cannon:

A—before he sees the flash,
B—after he sees the flash,
C—at the same time as he sees the flash.

WHICH?

The correct answer is B.

THE SCORE

EIGHTY-SIX percent of the boys and men tested by Dr. Bennett got this answer right. The score by girls and women was 65 percent.

Another question was set by two drawings of aeroplanes dropping bombs. In picture A the bomb was half way to earth and had been swept forward in a curve, before falling straight. In picture B the bomb has been swept back in a curve, before falling straight. The question was: which picture shows the way a bomb falls from a moving aeroplane if there's no wind?

The correct answer was A and was given by 80 percent of the men and boys tested but by only 32 percent of the girls and women.

Now, about these two tests (and about many of the others in the Bennett picture mechanical comprehension test) it could be argued that many of them took advantage of women's lack of practical knowledge or lesser interest in things mechanical. But what of tests in which women and girls had more experience than men and boys?

Such a test was one in which three drawings of heated cans were shown: in drawing A the can had bulged out at top and bottom; in drawing B the can was normal; and in drawing C the top and bottom had sagged in. The question asked was, if a can is heated, it is most likely to look like which of the above three?

The answer was A—a result scored by 88 percent of the men and boys and by only 67 percent of the girls and women.

In not a single one of the picture tests did the women score higher than the men. On some of the simpler problems they approached the male average. But on most of the questions they scored from 30 to 60 percent less.

Of course, the Bennett picture tests do not prove conclusively that men are more intelligent than women: what they demonstrate is that men are better at some tasks than women.

Tests for clerical work generally show women as clear cut winners. One of the tests given is the Minnesota Vocational Tests in which the person tested has to check parallel columns of figures and names for like and unlike figures and for like and unlike names. There are 200 pairs of numbers and 200 pairs of names.

SUPERIORITY

HERE is a short sample:

Beauville Co.	Beauville Co.
Gordon Mig.	Gordon Mig.
Curtis Mill Co.	Curtis Mill Co.
S. Jacobs and Company	S. Jacobs and Company
W. Morton	W. Morton
Old Gold	Old Gold
Jones Inc.	Jones Bros.

And some numbers:
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895643278 — 895643277
726352 — 726353
7263524 — 7263524
632685 — 632685
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63728 — 63738

This clerical test had to be done quickly and against the clock. Women and girls have scored from 10 to 30 percent better than men and boys.

Girls and women have shown a marked superiority in manual dexterity tests, in sorting and assembling cards and in taping tests.

What does it all add up to?

As good a summary as any is given by Amram Scheinfeld in his book, "Women and Men".

"Comparing relative scores between the mechanical-aptitude tests and the clerical-aptitude tests, there is the interesting suggestion that the two types of aptitude may be antithetical—certain of the qualities of mind necessary to make a good engineer or architect, actually being drawbacks to success in the usual types of clerical work. Or stated another way, not having aptitude to be a good engineer or architect may actually help a girl towards being a better stenographer or clerk."

And the general conclusion as to whether men are more intelligent than women? The Cambridge tests apart, because their nature is not known, all tests to date have merely shown that men are better at some tasks and women at others.

The Russians Tramp to the Steppes

Will Krushchev Get Out of the Muddle?

By JAMES WICKENDEN

MALENKOV's wife Elena is Krushchev's sister, so this may partly explain why the latest Russian crisis has been so bloodless. It has been a domestic, back-slapping affair.

Perhaps it will so continue inside the Kremlin. Outside, Nehru expects no change in foreign policy. Eisenhower is genial to his old comrade Zhukov, conqueror of Berlin and the new Minister of Defence.

But this shuffle of power among relatives and friends is too homely to clarify everything. It is only the palace side of the revolution.

Beyond the flag-waving in Moscow the Soviet people must tramp out and plough up more of the inhospitable steppes. This is the job ahead of the speeches.

Krushchev's deadline for a five-fold increase in crops and animals in 1960. At present all is

muddle, corruption and complaint. Men sit about in draughty sheds to shear sheep, but have only six clippers among twenty operatives. Two are broken. Farm managers' wives are accused in Russian papers of sneaking out to sell farm vegetables illegally. In outlying districts it is common for canal waters to be diverted at night to smallholders' plots.

Despite bullying, blandishment and promises, the peasants continue to graze dully at the mud in their dreary fields; to believe in their right to feed the family first and serve the state later.

The eggs can wait too. To raise livestock—steadily diminishing in Russia since the thirties—there must be less grain for egg-laying hens and more fodder for cattle.

So neither the city workers nor the peasants are going to be pleased, when they see what the latest five year plan really means. The workers will go without the little luxuries; the peasants will go without their little plots of earth. Even clerks need to worry. Excess government staff are being combed out to go East and work on the steppes.

Why Suddenly?

It has been like this for decades. Why should Russia suddenly become organised overnight? There is an efficient part of the Soviet system—the army and the industries which back it. But they are like a huddle of technicians and toughs lost in a stubborn wilderness. As the dedicated and prosperous living party men of the

No Jam Today

That is Krushchev's plan—no jam today and also new farms tomorrow. Although he made Malenkov take the blame for waste, he himself has been in charge of agriculture for years. If he did not succeed before, why should he succeed now?

He has five years to make good. Even with tighter planning and immense effort it does not seem likely that Russia can meet the new targets. Then the top men will have two choices—a purge to prevent discontent reaching them, or war to divert attention. The year 1960 is going to be a momentous year. China and India too have reached the first great testing time for their economic plans. The comparison between progress in the three great states of Asia will be illuminating.

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SONJA THROWS A CIRCUS PARTY

Hollywood. Smaller tents were set up as side-shows and ponies and dogs performed in a floor-show. Trained monkeys scampered between tables until some visitors complained of the monkeys' smell. A baby hippopotamus basked in a floodlit tank.

Two bands were decked out in the frogs and braid of circus uniforms but, for the big moment, a steam whistle borrowed from a merry-go-round blared a welcome as Miss Henie arrived on the back of a baby elephant in the delight of the thousands who blocked the traffic outside.

For 300 guests, she had the expensive decor of the night-spot housed in the canvas of a big tent and its polished floor sprinkled with sawdust.

parade that seemed vaguely familiar to those who have seen her in ice skating finales. As befitting one who keeps her vim and figure at 42 years by a diet of champagne, raw eggs and oxygen, the 5ft. 2ins, 105 lb. skater organised a most uncluttered meal of real turtle soup, filet mignon and flaming baked Alaska—burning brandy over ice cream.

How did Hollywood respond to the party? James Mason and his wife Pamela came as a couple of freaks—he as a bird man with a long beak and she as the bearded lady.

Susan Hayward was a harem houri. Zsa Zsa Gabor was a vampire. Poor Edgar Bergen, the ventriloquist, found himself smothered by a copy of black velvet. James Fennell was by no means

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Proposal to change a Ship's name

We, Keystone Shipping Company, Limited, of 4, Tung Mui Street, Second Floor, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of the change of ownership of the vessel, we have applied to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the steamship "BELAPUR" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 168360, Gross tonnage 7939.17 tons, Register tonnage 4927.01 tons, heretofore owned by Mr. Panz Kwok Sui of Room 323, Prince's Building, Hong Kong, for permission to change her name to "SNOWDON HILL" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by the Keystone Shipping Company, Limited, Hong Kong.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 15th day of February, 1955.

KEYSTONE SHIPPING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"MANGALORE"
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.15 a.m. on February 19, 1955, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Agents.
Hong Kong, February 17, 1955.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 11th day of March, 1955, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1954, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 25th of February to Friday, the 11th of March, 1955, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1955.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION HONG KONG

Extraordinary General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 11th day of March 1955 at 12.20 p.m., or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting is concluded, when the proposed resolutions will be submitted as Ordinary Resolutions—

1. That the capital of the Corporation be increased from twenty million Hong Kong dollars to twenty five million Hong Kong dollars by the creation of forty thousand new shares of one hundred and twenty five Hong Kong dollars each.

2. That:—(a) It is desirable to capitalise a sum of five million Hong Kong dollars being part of the undivided profits of the Corporation standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund and accordingly that such sum be capitalised and applied in payment in full for forty thousand new shares of the Corporation of one hundred and twenty five Hong Kong dollars each and that such shares credited as fully paid up be distributed amongst the shareholders who on the 11th day of March 1955 were registered shareholders of the Corporation in the proportion of one new share for every four then held by such shareholders respectively and that such shares shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of January 1955 and shall in all other respects rank *pari passu* with the existing shares of the Corporation.

(b) The Board be hereby authorised to allot and issue such new shares for distribution in the manner and proportions aforesaid.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1955.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-Second Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1955, at 11 a.m. at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, for the transaction of the business of an Ordinary General Meeting including the following:—

- (1) To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1954, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
- (2) To approve the Dividend.
- (3) To elect Directors.
- (4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Wednesday, the 23rd of February, to Tuesday, the 8th of March, 1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1955.

NOTICE

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

Thirty-Sixth Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Head Office of the Bank, 10, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 19th day of February, 1955, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1954, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Bank will be closed from Saturday, 12th February, 1955 to Saturday, 19th February, 1955 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1955.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Telephone House, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong), on Friday, 18th March, 1955 at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1954, to re-elect a Director and to appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th March, 1955 to the 18th March, 1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1955.

To ADVERTISERS

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Second Diamond Project In United States

New York, Feb. 17.

A two-man team of scientists has synthesised diamonds for industrial use during the past several years in a super-secret project near here, it was disclosed today.

The disclosure came on the heels of an announcement by General Electric Co. that it has solved the riddle of man-made diamonds.

"We have no quarrel with G. E., but our hand has been pressed," Mr. Wallace W. Harwood, prominent diamond merchant, told the United Press.

Mr. Harwood is President of the Diamond Manufacturers and Importers Association of America, the most powerful group of its kind.

RESEARCH UNIT

Mr. Harwood said that as a private venture he hoped to finance the setting-up of a research unit for making industrial diamonds. He emphasised that the industrial diamonds have no value whatever as gem stones.

The two scientists conducted their experiments in an isolated area on the fringes of metropolitan New York City. They have been working in a remodeled barn in the midst of a forest, Mr. Harwood said.

He did not reveal the exact location of the project in order that the scientists may continue their work in privacy.

He said the venture has met with such success that he hopes industrial diamonds can be produced "at a considerable lower cost than mined diamonds within about two years."

The two scientists are Mr. Mario Villola, a research chemist of Spanish descent, and Dr. L. W. Tomarkin, an eminent Swiss scientist. According to Mr. Harwood's account, Mr. Villola launched the project and then Dr. Tomarkin was called in to help perfect the synthetic process.

Dr. Tomarkin is a pioneer in blood plasma and other medical research. He is also a well known bio-physicist and scientist.

Mr. Harwood said that the two scientists have developed a method for making diamonds which, from published accounts, seems to be cheaper and simpler than the G.E. process.

The scientists start with pure carbon black, or soot, and transform this into tiny, hard crystalline diamonds under great heat and pressure, Mr. Harwood explained.

VERY SMALL

He noted that industrial diamonds, which go into cutting tools, drilling bits and other machine tools, are very small and look like fine sand.

Mr. Harwood said that no disclosure of this privately-financed venture would have been made another two or three years if the G.E. announcement had not come out. —United Press.

Steeplejack Collapses

Perth, Feb. 17.
Owen Speight, 42-year-old steeplejack, worked his way up a 70-foot smoke stack here, but at 85 feet he lost consciousness, remembering only before he blacked out to grab the rope hauling his "bosun's chair" upward.
For 15 minutes he lay face downward on a narrow plank, his head still grimly grasping the rope which kept him up there.
From a landing forty feet below his 12-year-old son shouted desperately to try to wake him.
Then, as an ambulance and police van came tearing along, Speight came to and worked his own way down again by the rope he had gripped. —China Mail Special.

MOST WAR CRIMINALS RELEASED

Bonn, Feb. 17.
The three Western Allies have released all but 315 of the 3,057 German war criminals they held five years ago, the Bonn Government announced today.

The State Secretary, Mr. Walter Hallstein, told the Bundestag (lower house) that 198 were being held in war crimes gaols in Germany and the remainder abroad.
Mr. Hallstein said 84 were still in the U.S. gaol at Landsberg, 33 in the British gaol at Werl and 15 in the French gaol at Wullich. In addition, six major war criminals are still serving terms up to life at the Four-Power war crimes prison at Spandau in West Berlin.

The number held on April 1, 1950, Mr. Hallstein said, was 3,057. He did not announce how many German prisoners were still held behind the Iron Curtain. —United Press.

U.K. Contribution Towards Polar Expedition

London, Feb. 17.

The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, told the House of Commons today that the British government was prepared to contribute £100,000 towards the cost of the proposed Commonwealth Antarctic expedition.

He also said that the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand and the deputy Prime Minister of South Africa, following their return from London, were "likely to bring the project to the notice of their governments."

Sir Winston made his statement in answer to a question and added: "There may be other ways in which the Departments of the Government may help."

The idea of the expedition across the Antarctic continent passing over the South Pole has been under consideration for some months and preliminary plans have been drawn up by Dr. V. E. Fuchs, Director of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Bureau in London, who is generally considered the greatest living authority on the Antarctic.

Dr. Fuchs outlined his plans to some of the interested Commonwealth Prime Ministers when they were in London at the beginning of the month, attending the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference.

Australia, New Zealand and South Africa are expected to join in the expedition, being directly interested in the Antarctic. Canada has promised to contribute her knowledge and skill gained in the Canadian Arctic and probably also special equipment adapted for Polar expeditions.

According to the present tentative plans, the expedition would be divided into two, half under the British starting at Vahsel Bay on the Weddel Sea in the British sector and the other half 2,000 miles away on the other side of Antarctica, at McMurdo Sound on the Ross Sea in the New Zealand sector.

They would meet somewhere in the region of the South Pole.

PRELIMINARY

Dr. Fuchs has said that preliminary arrangements would begin in Antarctica later this year during the Antarctic summer of December 1955 and January-February 1956.

Initial staging posts would then be built and equipped, ready for the full expedition to start in December 1956. —United Press.

Australia

Building Jet Squadrons

Sydney Feb. 17.

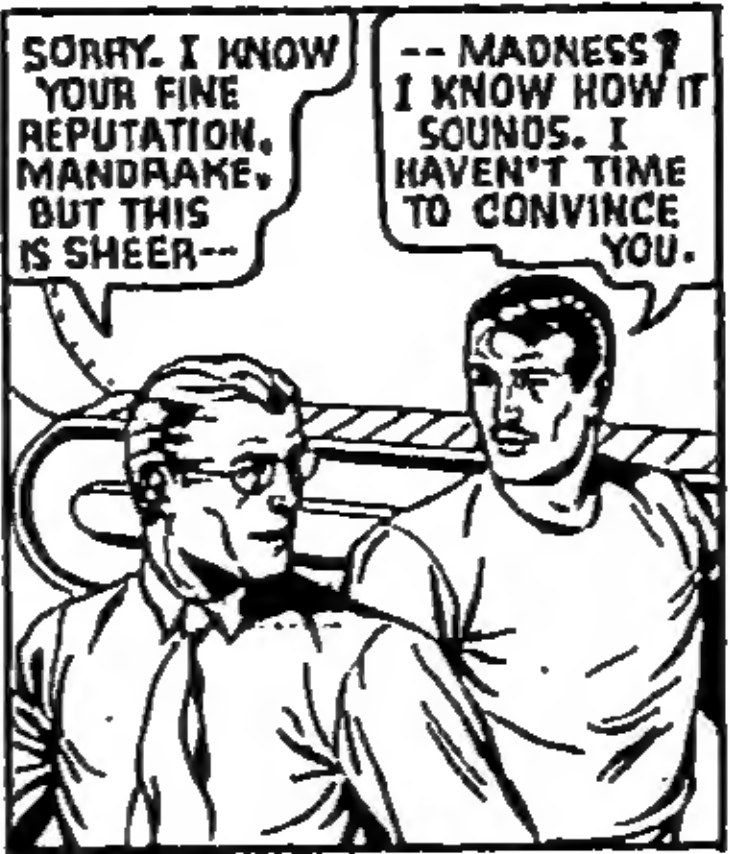
Australia is building up a force of four jet squadrons ready for use anywhere in the world, the Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir John McAuley, said here tonight.

The force will comprise two Sabrejet fighter squadrons and two Canberra bomber squadrons. They will be ready for action within 18 months.

The Air Marshal outlined the plan at the airport here before he left for Bangkok to help advise Australia's External Affairs Minister, Mr. Richard Casey, at the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation conference. —Router.

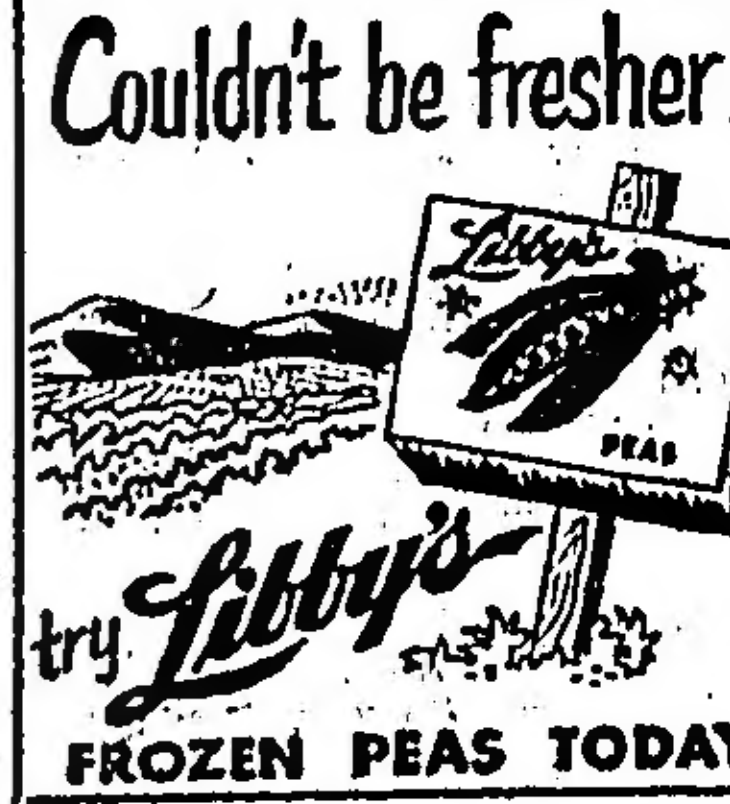
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...this situation calls for a
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCE

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Feb. 17.
The late sell-off seems a most habit on the New York Stock Exchange.

For the third session in a row, prices moved off just before closing after showing early strength. The realising was more modest than yesterday, however.

Industrials held a few cents of their average gain, and outside this leading group, there were a number of higher features, many of them responding to special news.

Rails closed a bit lower on average, pulled down by losses of 1 1/2 points to \$134 1/2 in Santa Fe, among others.

Volume lightened on the decline today. Turnover for the session of 3,030,000 shares compared with 3,600,000 yesterday. Of 1221 issues traded, there were 540 higher on the day, 425 lower.

AIRCRAFTS HIT

Selling hit pretty hard in aircrafts where there are good profits to be taken. General Dynamics, which has run up and down erratically in recent sessions in line with a series of merger rumors and denials, finished off 1 1/2 points, ex-dividend, at \$112 1/2. Chance-Vought, which has moved in the same manner for the same reason, lost 3/4 to \$58 3/4.

General Tyne moved off 2 1/2 to \$54 1/2, on a lower earnings report. Houston Oil lost 2 1/2 to \$101 in the after. Woolworth fell 3/4 to \$50 1/4. Other losses generally were small—of the 1/4 point variety.

American Telephone, said yesterday on its huge new financing plans, turned around today and regained 1 1/4 to \$17 1/4.

Sperry continued to move up on its stock dividend, adding 3/4 to \$53 3/4.

Electronics issues, strong yesterday, continued in demand and closed with gains ranging to 3 1/2 points in Zenith at \$90 1/4.

Machine tools were in demand. The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,640,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 1,070,000 shares.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
Dow-Jones closing averages on Wall Street were as follows:

20 Industrials 140.41
20 rails 146.05
15 utilities 62.50
45 stocks 151.66
40 bonds 100.28
Comm. futures price 105.80

YESTERDAY'S PRICES
Feb. 17

Alcoa Inc. 47 1/2
Allied Chemical 35 1/2
Allis-Chalmers 77 1/2
American Airlines 100 1/2
American Metal 37 1/2
American Smelting 42 1/2
American Tel. & Tel. 17 1/4
Armour 10
Barnhart 10 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio 10 1/2
Bentley Aviation Corp. 112 1/2
Bentley Corp. 11 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 100 1/2
Boeing Airplane 70 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway 29 1/2
Case National Bank 50
Chile Copper 30
Chrysler Motors 88 1/2
Commercial Credit 40 1/2
Commonwealth Elec. 40 1/2
Consolidated Edison 28 1/2
Continental Paper 27 1/2
Corn Products 48 1/2
Crane Co. 15 1/2
Cuban American Sugar 21
Curtis Wright 21
Dupont de Nemours 15 1/2
Eastman Kodak 34 1/2
General Electric 53 1/2
General Foods 70 1/2
General Motors 39 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor 7 1/2
Goodrich (D. F.) Co. 44 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Rubber 60 1/2
Hoke Mining Co. 60 1/2
International Business Machines 370
International Harvester 37 1/2
International Nickel 53 1/2
International Paper 29 1/2
International Tel. & Tel. 20 1/2
John-Manville Co. 63
Lockheed Aircraft 57 1/2
Leona Corp. 20 1/2
Lone Star Cement Co. 30 1/2
Minnesota Mining 50 1/2
Montgomery Ward 78 1/2
National Cash Register 21 1/2
National Lead 50 1/2
New York Central 67 1/2
Olin Industries 67 1/2
Olin Corp. 67 1/2
Pacific Gas & Electric 47 1/2
Phillips Petroleum 39 1/2
Pittsburgh Plate Glass 47 1/2
Radio Corporation 43 1/2
Reed Motors 87 1/2
Republic Steel 87 1/2
Shell Oil Co. 61 1/2
Sinclair Oil 61 1/2
Socoy Vacuums 54 1/2
Southern Railway (Conn.) 77 1/2
Standard Steel 30 1/2
Standard Oil of California 70 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana 48 1/2
Standard Oil of New Jersey 48 1/2
Staley-Van Camp 17 1/2
Studebaker-Packard Corp. 57 1/2
Swift & Co. 58 1/2
Texas Co. 58 1/2
Union Pacific 30 1/2
Union Pacific Railway 30 1/2
United Gas, Imp. 50 1/2
U.S. Gypsum 23 1/2
U.S. Steel 33 1/2
U.S. Rubber 48 1/2
United States Smelting 70 1/2
United Steel 19 1/2
Warner Bros. 19 1/2
Woolworth 50 1/2

Commission Should Be Set Up Similar To American Organisation

EMPIRE LEAGUE AND B.I.A. IDEA

London, Feb. 17.

A proposal that the Commonwealth countries should set up a Preference Commission on the same lines as the American Tariff Commission has been put forward by the British Industries Association and British Empire League.

They propose a system of administering tariffs incorporating the American "peril point" clause which permits duties to be raised against imported goods which are found to be seriously undermining a domestic industry. Under the Commonwealth system, however, protection for an affected industry would take the form of increased preference in Commonwealth markets.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Feb. 17.
The rubber market was easier today. Liquidation continued on nervous market and there was some fair support towards the close. Future closings:

No. 1 rubber per lb. March 90-90 1/2
April 90-90 1/2
May 90-90 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb. March 89-89 1/2
April 89-89 1/2
May 89-89 1/2
No. 4 rubber per lb. March 88-88 1/2
April 88-88 1/2
May 88-88 1/2
Spot rubber unbleached 86-87
Bunked crepe 86-87
No. 1 latex crepe 86-87

NEW YORK

Futures closed 25 to 50 points with sales of 349 contracts.

Terminal market prices dropped back after an opening up. Traders continued to analyze the Government announcement on the crude rubber rotation programme.

Some quarters felt the effect might be to keep the manufacturers out of the market in the immediate future, since they expect to be able to cover their requirements for low grades out of the Government stock pile. Another view was that the differentials between one, two and three sheets would widen in relation to the lower grades. Spot No. 1 has been quoted at 34 1/2 cents a pound, nominal.

Future closings were:
Mar. 34 1/2
Apr. 34 1/2
May 34 1/2
June 34 1/2
July 34 1/2
Aug. 34 1/2
Sept. 34 1/2
Oct. 34 1/2
Nov. 34 1/2
Dec. 34 1/2
Jan. 34 1/2
Feb. 34 1/2

LONDON

The market was firm. No. 1 spot has been quoted at 28 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Raw spot 28 1/2-29 1/2
Settlement house term: 28 1/2-29 1/2
March 28 1/2-29 1/2
April/June 28 1/2-29 1/2
July/Sept. 28 1/2-29 1/2
Oct./Dec. 28 1/2-29 1/2
General market, cit. basis, port: 28 1/2-29 1/2
March 28 1/2-29 1/2
April 28 1/2-29 1/2
May 28 1/2-29 1/2
June 28 1/2-29 1/2
July 28 1/2-29 1/2
Aug. 28 1/2-29 1/2
Sept. 28 1/2-29 1/2
Oct. 28 1/2-29 1/2
Nov. 28 1/2-29 1/2
Dec. 28 1/2-29 1/2
Jan. 28 1/2-29 1/2
Feb. 28 1/2-29 1/2

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET
New York, Feb. 17.
World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 4 points higher with sales of 224 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 point higher to 2 points lower with sales of 327 contracts.

World future ruled higher on trade buying. The former was reported on both sides of the domestic contract. Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (world)
March 310
April 310
May 310
June 310
July 310
August 310
September 310
October 310
November 310
December 310
January 310
February 310

Contract No. 6
March 310
April 310
May 310
June 310
July 310
August 310
September 310
October 310
November 310
December 310
January 310
February 310

Contract No. 8
March 310
April 310
May 310
June 310
July 310
August 310
September 310
October 310
November 310
December 310
January 310
February 310

Contract No. 10
March 310
April 310
May 310
June 310
July 310
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December 310
January 310
February 310

Contract No. 12
March 310
April 310
May 310
June 310
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February 310

Contract No. 14
March 310
April 310
May 310
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February 310

Contract No. 16
March 310
April 310
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February 310

Contract No. 18
March 310
April 310
May 310
June 310
July 310
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January 310
February 310

Contract No. 20
March 310
April 310
May 310
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February 310

World Cotton Markets

New York, Feb. 17.
Cotton futures opened slightly lower and remained on the defensive for the rest of the session.

Closing on a reaction, the list finished on the day's lows and off 8 to 17 points net. Opening prices were off 3 to 8 points. New Orleans closed off 5 to 7 points.

Foreign selling in the new crop deliveries, plus continued March liquidation, before first notice day on Monday, found trade buyers reserved.

The March contracts dropped back to within striking distance of the 34 cent level, establishing its lowest level since late last February.

Open March contracts at the start of trading today totalled 322,800 bales.

The Commodity Credit Corporation reported producer entries under the loan programme for the week ended Feb. 11, totalled 27,000 bales with withdrawals totalled 20,296 bales.

Trading volumes and open interests in the exchange today were:

Month 34,200
March 34,200
April 34,200
May 34,200
June 34,200
July 34,200
August 34,200
September 34,200
October 34,200
November 34,200
December 34,200
January 34,200
February 34,200

NEW ORLEANS
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 34.20
March 34.20
April 34.20
May 34.20
June 34.20
July 34.20
August 34.20
September 34.20
October 34.20
November 34.20
December 34.20
January 34.20
February 34.20

LIVERPOOL
Futures closings, in pence per lb., American middling, 15/10 inch, were as follows:

Mar./Apr. 32.21
May/June 32.11
July/Aug. 32.01
Sept./Oct. 31.91
Nov./Dec. 31.81
Jan./Feb. 31.71
Mar./Apr. 31.61
May/June 31.51
July/Aug. 31.41
Sept./Oct. 31.31
Nov./Dec. 31.21
Jan./Feb. 31.11
Mar./Apr. 31.01

SAO PAULO
Futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Mar. 31.50
Apr. 31.40
May 31.30
June 31.20
July 31.10
Aug. 31.00
Sept. 30.90
Oct. 30.80
Nov. 30.70
Dec. 30.60
Jan. 30.50
Feb. 30.40

In the United States, the average price of 15/10 middling cotton at ten designated spot markets was 34.08 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 15,243 bales.—United Press.

Exchange Rates
Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market, as follows:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 1.25
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London Foreign Exchange
London, Feb. 17.
New York 1.25-1.26
Moscow 1.25-1.26
Amsterdam 1.25-1.26
Brussels 1.25-1.26
Paris 1.25-1.26
Rome 1.25-1.26
Stockholm 1.25-1.26
Zurich 1.25-1.26
Others were unchanged.—United Press.

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RENEWED BUYING INQUIRY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

By A Special Correspondent

With the Tachen evacuation safely over and the advent of the dividend season, share prices looked a lot healthier this week on the Hongkong Stock Exchange.

There was renewed buying inquiry throughout the week and the money situation was comparatively fluid. There are a long list of rises on the sales list and just the odd decline here and there.

The three dividend announcements—Hotels, Providents and Electric—have all been quite well received and have contributed to the market's improvement.

Hotels are paying out a dollar compared with 60 cents last year. In view of the terms of sale of the Pedder Street site, it is a fair distribution but it has not excited the market unduly. The shares are up 70 cents on the week.

Electric have announced a final dividend of \$1.55 which, with a 70 cents interim, makes \$2.25 for the year compared with \$2.20 last year. There was some disappointment with what seemed to be a rather meagre increase. True five cents is nothing to write home about, but I think many people are inclined to forget that the company did have to pay out \$3 million earlier in the year to Cible Livingston for relinquishing the management of the company. They rose \$1 to \$39 1/2 before finishing 80 cents down on the day at \$38.

PROVIDENT'S SURPRISE
The surprise came with the Provident's announcement of the dividend, which is unchanged on the year, and the bonus issue of one for every four held which, under the present economic conditions and in view of the uncertain prospects ahead, is quite an achievement. The shares started this morning at \$16.50 and finished at \$16.30 after touching \$16.60 in the afternoon.

Most issues in the utility group show an improvement on the week. Trams are up 60 cents, Yau Ma Tei, on new bonus issue rumours, touched \$100 yesterday (\$8 up on the week). Lights are up slightly to \$17.70 and Telephones are about steady at \$32 3/4.

In the heavy stocks, Banks and Unions with scrip scarce moved up quietly to better levels.

Lands, Cements and Dairy Farms to steady. Cements appear to have found a temporary level at around \$44 1/4-45 for they have been hovering between these two prices most of the week.

The Wheelock group generally experienced a quiet week and were conspicuous only by their absence from the sales lists.

Rubbers, following a sharp drop in raw material prices in Singapore, were easier on the week.

New York Foreign Exchange
New York, Feb. 17.
Canadian dollar rate:

Spot: buyers 1.01 1/2-1.01 3/4, sellers 1.01 3/4-1.02 1/4
1-month 1.01 1/2-1.01 3/4, 3-month 1.01 1/2-1.01 3/4
Future: 1.01-27/32 1.01-18/32, 30-day 1.01-26/32 1.01-18/32, 6-month 1.01 1/2-1.01 3/4, 1.01 1/2-1.01 3/4

The free market rate of the Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar, as quoted by Pick's World Currency Report: 430.—United Press.

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"CHUSAN"	2nd May	30th May
"CARTHAGE"	6th May	6th June
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An Honest Gambler

DANNY is an honest man, and it pained him that he had to lie to the strangers he stopped in the side streets of Soho.

To a man who looked as though he might have come from the North, Danny said bluntly: "I've just come from Manchester. Can you give me the price of a cup of tea?"

To a pair of U.S. servicemen he said politely: "Good evening, Americans. Have you enough money to spare me a cup of tea?"

What Danny would have liked to say to everyone he stopped was: "I'm a gambling man and more than food or drink I need the price of a small bet, or enough of your small change to cover me for a game of cards."

I WAS TAPPING

BUT English thoughts upon gambling being as confused as they are, Danny realised there was no future in the honest approach.

The Americans brushed Danny aside, and in their wake came a policeman, who said: "I'm arresting you for begging. I heard you."

"All right, all right," said Danny, in a hoarse, pleading command. "I was tapping."

At Bow Street, next morning, he pleaded guilty to the charge, and a resume of the convictions against him was read out by the magistrate, Mr. E. C. Hobey. There were three previous convictions for begging.

"What sort of work has been doing?" the magistrate asked.

I ALWAYS WIN IF

"HE says he has been working for a short time in a hotel, kitchen porter," said the officer in charge of the case. "At other times he goes round with fairs, and in the season he goes pea-picking."

"What do you want to say?" Mr. Robey asked Danny, a fair-haired man in his thirties, who face lit up with a broad grin at the invitation to speak.

"Look, I'm a gambler," he said, "and money I earn by working, no good to me for gambling. I always win if the public give me the money to gamble with."

"Do you think gambling is good thing?" the magistrate asked, as if Danny were spokesman for a Royal Commission.

COUNTER-ACTING

"GAMBLING's my life," Danny cried. "I had £80 when I came down here from the country last time, and I gave the chaps money to gamble with me—then I lost it all to them. You see I never do no good with that money, and he made the money for which he had coined the adjective seem furnished and unpleasant."

"What were you doing before you came back to London?"

"I was twisting them, Danny said. "Not twisting the public, twisting the twisters, the fair-ground people. He rubbed his hands together. "Very clever, that was," he said, enjoying the memory. "That's what you call counter-acting, that is. Ho, ho, very choice."

"I there anything more you want to say?"

A RENT

"YES, if they'd give you money instead of coupons at the

Bedser Causes NSW Collapse

Sydney, Feb. 18.

Alfred Bedser, England's fast bowler who was dropped from the last Test, today said that he was in top form when he dismissed the first three batsmen for the first time in the first two days of the four-day match between the MCC and New South Wales.

The match, which was the State's last Test, was a collapse, and the State had lost five wickets for 46 at the lunch adjournment.

Bedser's three victims included Jim Burke for a "duck" and Richie Benaud for one. Keith Miller was out for 13, and Simpson six.

His bowling this morning was described by commentators as excellent. His wickets were all taken by inswingers.

Benaud was described as the victim of one of the best catches seen on the ground this season. Waudie, fielding in the boundary, stabbed at and held the ball as he was running at full speed. Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 6.30. Children's Hour presented by Joan and Valerie (Studio). 6.35. Popular Song Parade. 6.59. Weather Report. 7. Time Signal and World News (Studio). 7.05. Flag Day Appeal on behalf of the Salvation Army by Mr. J. A. Blackwood. 7.15. Artist of the Week—Doris Matthews (Studio). 7.20. "Viewpoint" A weekly magazine devoted to the Arts and introduced by Janet Tomblin Books. Reviewed by Mary Violett. New Series of Aerial Poems by Robert Farnon and his Orchestra. 7.30. "Aldous Huxley" Charles Lamb. Timothy Birch reviews the Hong Kong Stage Club production of "Time and the Conways" (Studio). 8. "Pops" Orchestra—Operatic Ballet Music. 8.15. Short Story Cadwallader. 8.20. "The Conways" (Studio). 8.25. "Pops" Orchestra—Operatic Ballet Music. 8.30. London Studio. 8.35. Robert Farnon and his Orch. with Dennis Martin (BBC7S). 9. Time Signal, Music Lovers Hour. 9.15. "The Conways" (Studio). 9.20. "From the Sorbonne in the States" a Talk by Jacques Couette (Recorded). 10.15. Approx. Boulevard Cafe. 10.30. Record Roundabout. 10.50. Weather Report. 11. Time Signal. Radio News Reel (Recorded). 11.15. Goodnight Music: God Save the Queen. 11.30. Close Down.

Sequel To Idlewild Disaster

PUBLIC INVESTIGATION OPENS IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 17.

The crash of an Italian airliner near Idlewild Airport last December 18 was aired today at a public hearing by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Acting Director Of Observatory

The appointment of Mr C. S. Ramage, Assistant Director of the Royal Observatory, to be Acting Director, has been approved by H.E. the Governor, it was announced in the Government Gazette today. Mr Ramage succeeds Mr G. S. P. Heywood, who is on leave prior to retirement.

Mr N. Lawrence, Scientific Officer, has been appointed Acting Assistant Director of the Royal Observatory, vice Mr Ramage.

Other appointments which have received approval are: Mr Chan Nai-keung to be engineer, P.W.D.; Mr R. G. Barradas to be Acting Chemist, vice Mr Terry (resigned); Mr J. T. Wakefield to be Labour Officer, Mr N. H. T. Bennett to be Assistant Secretary (Exchange Control) Colonial Secretariat.

It was also notified that Mr A. G. Parker has resumed duty as Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control), vice Mr C. Cairns.

Other appointments gazetted were: Miss J. E. Rowe to be Education Officer, Mr G. R. Pickett to be Superintendent of Prisons, vice Mr R. S. Rosen; Mr W. S. Collier to be Crown Counsel.

Film Shots In Queen's Rd

Hundreds of pedestrians in Queen's Road Central unwittingly contributed to the filming of Han Sui-yin's "A Many Splendored Thing" when they walked past the Canadian Cafe this morning.

Jennifer Jones, the star of the film, walked briskly across the pedestrian crossing, turned right and after looking in a shop window, entered the store. This was recorded by a "snack" CinemaScope camera wheeled out of an adjoining alley at the right moment.

Pedestrians who noticed that they were being "shot", and who stopped hesitantly, were politely ushered on their way by Police detectives in plainclothes.

After several "takes" Director Otto Lang appeared satisfied and the visitors from Hollywood moved on to the next location—Central Police Station.

Consuls Approved

The Queen's Exequatur empowering Mr Maurice S. Rice and Mr Larue R. Lutkins to act as Consuls for the United States of America at Hongkong, have received Her Majesty's signature, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

New Official JP

Mr Gilbert Roy Pickett, Superintendent of Prisons, has been appointed an Official Justice of the Peace by H.E. the Governor, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Rev. S.W. Green to be a Member of the Board of Education, vice Dr F. R. Ashton, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Miss Elaine Tsum-wai, Foon has been appointed a member of the Nursing Board for a term of three years, vice Miss M. Thomson, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Of the 32 persons aboard only six survived.

In an official report the investigator in charge of C.A.B. Joseph O. Fluet, said that the ill-fated plane made three unsuccessful approaches to the landing field beginning at 1718 GMT and that it crashed when it made its fourth attempt to land at the international airport.

Mr Fluet said that the first approach was made on Runway 22 and the other three on Runway 4 at the direction of the Control Tower. Mr Fluet pointed out that several planes, including a Belgian Sabena Airlines plane, landed on the two runways between 1718 GMT and the time of the crash.

During the last attempt the Control Tower issued advisories to the Italian flight Captain that he was low and below the glide path and that he should pull up and execute a missed approach. At about the same time the plane crashed into a nearby pier.

VISIBILITY 200 FEET

Another advisory to the pilot by the station manager of the Italian Airline, G.G. Frigerio, said he should circle nearby for one and a half hours and then proceed to Washington if visibility did not improve. Visibility at the time was 200 feet and two and a half miles, which is above the required safety limit for landing, and weather reports indicated that it would improve.

One of the surviving passengers, Frank A. Messina, described how fear spread among the passengers after the plane in its third landing attempt rolled over the runway at high speed and then pulled up into the air to circle over the sea.

Mr Messina, an Italian, described how he was freed himself from himself swimming through icy water which was covered with burning gasoline. He was finally rescued by a motorboat after two helicopters tried in vain to pick him up. The helicopters picked up one passenger from the water and dragged another to safety near the pier.

FLAME ROLLED

Vincenzo Berlingeri, another surviving passenger, confirmed that the plane was rolling on the runway during its third landing attempt. The plane, Berlingeri said, had lowered its landing gear before the fourth landing attempt. Like Messina, he noticed that the plane tried to make a sharp turn in the last second when the motors roared up in full power.

Berlingeri reached land earlier than Messina. Testimony of a third witness, George Varilli, who has resumed his studies in Rome, was read by W. D. Markey, Chairman of the C.A.B. operations group in Washington.

Varilli, who was seated in the tail end of the plane criticised the efficiency of the airport's emergency squad which he said appeared on the pier but did little to rescue the survivors from the water.

Varilli said he saw a swamp area when the plane made its fourth approach. He observed that the left engines caught fire and also confirmed that the plane tried to make a sharp turn in the last second when the motors roared up in full power.

Now such a play calls for sensitive direction, and perfect timing, especially the powerful second act, and so I start with that.

NINE REVENUE STAMPS LOST

Nine revenue stamps valued at \$4,500 have been lost, according to a notice in the Government Gazette today.

The notice states: "Nine adhesive revenue stamps (black) of a face value of \$500 each, bearing the portrait of His Majesty, the late King George VI, have been lost."

"Any documents to which such stamps have been affixed since October 9, 1954, are suspect. Any member of the public knowing of the existence of such stamps or documents is requested to report the facts immediately to Mr. R. C. Lamson, Accountant-General, or to any Police station."



The Stage Club Do Priestley's Play Full Justice

Last night, at the China Fleet Club, the Stage Club broke new ground with J. B. Priestley's Time play, "Time and the Conways."

Now first something about the play itself. Sometime in the thirties, Mr Priestley got caught up in that fascinating subject, the nature of Time. His approach was the layman's, an attempt to find a rational theory as to why, sometimes, we recapture an incident of our life, a memory of something that we know has not occurred to us in a three dimensional world; the answer is, it has happened in Time, as if some part of our consciousness could travel forward in Time.

Suddenly, this idea of such a thing happening to a member of an ordinary family, struck him as having tremendous dramatic possibilities. He sat down and banged out the second act right away, and it is played today as it left his typewriter. The first and third acts he wrote later.

BRILLIANT ACT

Now this second act is the most brilliant act of any modern play. It stands or falls by that alone; and this act is Kay Conway's, for she alone moves forward in Time, that is why Kay is on the stage all the time. The play is sincere, for it is as the young Priestley felt in 1919, and as the older Priestley felt in 1937, disappointed and somewhat disillusioned.

We find the Conways celebrating Kay's twenty first birthday, playing charades; then sometimes, during a song by Mrs Conway off stage, Kay's consciousness throws off the three dimensional world and slips forward into the thirties where she sees all the hopes and dreams of the bright young Conways-shattered.

Now such a play calls for sensitive direction, and perfect timing, especially the powerful second act, and so I start with that.

Kay (Helen Strahan) made a magnificent job of a difficult part especially when back stage on the window seat, but I think that if tonight she follows the other members of the cast round with her eyes when they are speaking, she will improve a fine performance. Kay is the observer.

Robin How I liked that performance, and Priestley would have too, for it represents all the optimism of the officers' sons of 1919 and the bitter-sweet criticism of the thirties. This was Adrian Rowe-Evans at his best. However, played by Christopher Booth, a hard realist, successful opportunist; a fine parental study, performed with all the cruelty of contempt for finer feelings. Very good.

Alan. A nice study (Alan Wright) but he must age more for the second act. I don't refer here to make-up alone, but to mannerisms.

"WONDERFUL"

Madge; (Tilda Fenn). A lovely performance in the second act, again, exceeding that of the first, but it is a good part and plays well. A real glimpse of just how life works out sometimes. Jean Bedford (Pat Egan). I did like this part. She had the feminine counterpart of Robin's, a glorious bright nature and bitter disillusionment, the paradox of a generation betrayed.

Carol (Daphne Herriot). She is the darling of them all and because we are permitted to see ahead, when we returned back in time what a jump came into our throats when she said "I want to live, played with charm."

Waiter's Taxi Rides

That he was drunk was the reason given by a 40-year-old waiter when he explained before Mr Thomas Tam at Central this morning why he took a taxi from King's Theatre and refused to pay the \$0.10 fare after making two round trips to the Kam Ling Restaurant early this morning.

The accused, Ng Chung-ying, of King's Building, second floor, was fined \$25 or seven days. Additionally he was ordered to make good the fare to the taxi driver or spend another three days in gaol.

Sub-Inspector Lam Chak-kuen, prosecuting, told the Court that the accused, together with another man, boarded a taxi outside King's Theatre at 2.25 a.m. today and told the driver to drive them to the Kam Ling Restaurant at West Point. Upon arrival, the accused returned in the taxi to King's Theatre where he again told the driver to drive to the Kam Ling Restaurant. There he again said he wanted to return to King's Theatre.

The Police were summoned when the accused failed to pay the fare of \$0.10 to the driver.

RE-APPOINTED

Mr A. G. Parker, who resumed his duties as Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control), has been re-appointed by H.E. the Governor, to the following posts: President of the Board of Examiners for Pilot Licences, a Member of the P.W.D. Works Committee, and Chairman of the Dangerous Goods Standing Committee.

Where Do Chauffeur-Driven Cars Park?

For more than a year an experimental park in Lockhart Road for any chauffeur-driven car has averaged only two or three at a time, instead of a possible fifty.

And the costly telephone kiosk, built and manned by the Automobile Association so that owners can telephone for their cars, averages about half a dozen calls a day.

The park was one of the plans to ease our parking problem, illustrated by a simultaneous photograph taken at 11 a.m. yesterday in Statue Square.

Where do all our chauffeur-driven cars park now?

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than those shown below, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

By Air: Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 9 p.m.; Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.

By Surface: Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 5 p.m.; Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

By Air: Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.; Philippines, 9 a.m.; Formosa, Canada, 5 p.m.; Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.; Japan, U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface: China, Republic, 6.30 a.m.; Formosa, 9 a.m.; Thailand, 11 a.m.; Macao, 1.30 p.m. (N. & S. Rhodesia & Mozambique P.O. via Beira), 2 p.m.; China, Republic, 6 p.m.; Macao, 6 p.m.

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